

JASPER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Minutes of January 28, 2025, Commission Meeting

The Jasper County Emergency Management Commission met on January 28, 2025, at the Armory Annex in the EOC and via ZOOM. Those present were Doug Bishop (Baxter) via ZOOM, Brandon Talsma (Board of Supervisors), David Mast (Colfax), Pat Edwards (Lambs Grove), Brad Shutts (Jasper County Sheriff), Benjamin Ahrens (Sully) via ZOOM, Jamey Robinson (EMA Director), and Kathy Ellis (EMA Program Manager).

The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by the Sheriff, Brad Shutts.

Roll call was taken. Those representatives listed above were present in-person or via ZOOM and accounted for.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by David Mast and was seconded by Brandon Talsma. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the December 17, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Doug Bishop and was seconded by Talsma. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

- **Public Hearing - 2026 Emergency Management Budget**

A motion was made by Talsma and seconded by Mast to open the public hearing on the budget at 6:04PM. Motion carried.

There was no one in attendance from the public and received no written correspondence.

- **Discussion**

Jamey Robinson stated there was no contact from the public. The budget is the same as presented at the Budget Workshop in December with 5% personnel increases and changing Kathy Ellis to fulltime beginning with the new fiscal year on July 1, 2025.

A motion was made to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular Commission meeting at 6:07PM by Mast and seconded by Pat Edwards. Motion carried.

- **2026 Emergency Management Budget Adoption**

A motion to adopt the FY26 budget was made by Talsma and seconded by Edwards.

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After completion of the discussion, the motion to approve the budget as published was passed unanimously.

EMA Updates

- Robinson highlighted the promo stand for the new Jasper Ready app. He would like to display it in Courthouse, Admin building, City Halls, and local businesses for increased visibility. At this time, 715 have subscribed to the app with 10,000 interactions occurring in one week alone in December.
- Suggestions were made to position it outside the Treasurer's office with 100-200 visitors per day.
- Pat Edwards suggested the possibility of placing it at the Newton Clinic or MercyOne Newton's lobby and/or ER Department.
- Robinson listed the following dates for training opportunities:
 - January 29 Salamander Training
 - February 10 Business Continuity
 - February 11 QPR Question/Persuade/Refer
 - February 15 Community CPR (Quarterly)
 - March 3 Storm Spotter Trainig
 - March 15 HazMat Responder Training
 - April 21 5 Day ALERRT Training-Train the Trainer
 - (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training)
 - April 28 5 Day TIMS working with the DOT
 - (Traffic Incident Management)
- Robinson stated he will be attending Mitchellville's council meeting on February 3 to discuss their potential seat on the EM Commission. He has been busy with FEMA inspections in Baxter and working on five grants.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:17 PM by Talsma and seconded by Mast.

Motion carried.